



**Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation**  
**TDEC Environmental Protection Specialist 2\* - Knoxville Environmental Field Office**  
**Division of Solid Waste Management**  
**Annual Salary Range: \$46,752 - \$74,808**

**About the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)**

The Department exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment by:

- Protecting and promoting human health and safety.
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air, and water.
- Conserving and promoting natural, cultural and historic resources.
- Providing a variety of quality outdoor recreational experiences.

TDEC has approximately 2,900 employees working across Tennessee supported by a total budget of more than \$300 million with funding from fees for services, state parks revenue, federal sources, and the state general fund. TDEC is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee with delegated responsibility from the U.S. EPA to regulate sources of air pollution, radiological health issues, solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, water pollution, water supply, and groundwater pollution. TDEC has a central office in Nashville and eight (8) regional offices across the state serving as the primary point of contact for their respective regions.

**About the Division of Solid Waste Management**

The Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) is responsible for protecting the health and environmental quality for all Tennesseans through responsive and effective oversight of waste management activities. Division activities are land-based, regulating both solid waste and hazardous waste through specialized programs and functions. These include landfill permits, hazardous waste permits, state remediation program, used oil management, lead-based paint abatement, special waste, universal waste, and annual waste reporting.

**Summary of Position**

This position serves as a landfill inspector and permit writer in the Solid Waste Program in the Knoxville Environmental Field Office.

### **Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

This Preferred Services position conducts solid waste regulatory activities in the Knoxville Environmental Field Office. It is responsible for reviewing engineering plans, specifications, reports and permit applications for solid waste facilities in the Knoxville Environmental Field Office region. The position also inspects permitted solid waste facilities to ensure compliance with state regulations and issued permits. This position attends public hearings and participates in compliance meetings. Position may require overnight travel.

### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

The successful candidate for this position will have demonstrated the ability lead a small staff of direct reports and possess the following attributes:

- A background in solid waste management.
- Ability to read and review engineering plans and topological maps.
- Familiarity with landfill design and construction.
- Broad knowledge of the State of Tennessee Solid Waste Regulations and their application toward Solid Waste facilities in Tennessee.
- Experience participating in site investigations for contamination and regulatory violations.
- Ability to present information to a variety of audiences in a clear, professional and informative manner using multimedia resources for the presentations.
- Strong computer skills and familiarity using Microsoft Office, especially Excel.
- Able to write clearly and succinctly in a variety of communication settings and styles getting information across with the desired effect.

### **Education and Experience**

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in engineering and experience equivalent to one year of full-time professional environmental engineering work. Professional Licensed Engineer in the State of Tennessee is preferred but not required.

Substitution of Education for Experience: Graduate course work received from an accredited college or university in engineering may substitute for the required experience on a month-for-month basis to a maximum of one year (e.g., 24 graduate semester hours or 36 graduate quarter hours in engineering may substitute for the one year of required experience).

All interested candidates should submit applications via the Tennessee Department of Human Resources website at <http://www.tn.gov/hr> and search under Job Seekers, Preferred Services Job Opportunities, for the position with the title: **TDEC ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPECIALIST 2\*-081716-154718**. The position will remain posted until September 6, 2016. TDEC is an AA/EEO/ADA employer.